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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: AD HOC COMITE REVIEW OF SIX
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

1. SUMMARY. AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION WAS PRESENTED FIVE DRAFT RESES ORIGINATING FROM PROPOSALS MADE EARLIER IN PLENARY. BRIEF PRESENTATIONS MADE BY EACH SPONSORING DELEGATION, I.E., FRANCE, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, US AND FRANCE. AT END OF THESE PRESENTATIONS, SAUDI ARABIA PROPOSED SIXTH DRAFT RES REQUESTING SPECIAL SESSION TO ESTABLISH THREE MINISTERIAL GROUPS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF ENERGY, OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. DAHOMEY MOTIONED TO SUSPEND DEBATE ON THESE SIX RESES UNTIL ACTION TAKEN ON THREE BASIC DOCUMENTS, E.E., DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND SPECIAL MEASURES FOR MSA'S, CARRIED BY VOTE 56-16-38(US). FURTHER REVIEW THESE RESES DEPENDENT UPON HOVEYDA'S CONTACT GROUP FOCUSSING ITS DELIBERATIONS ON BASIC DOCUMENTS. CURRENT THINKING IS THAT SPECIAL SESSION MAY BE EXTENDED AT LEAST UNTIL MAY 2.
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2. CHAIRMAN ARVESEN (NORWAY) OF AD HOC WORKING COMITE PROCEEDED TO REVIEW PROPOSALS IN ORDER OF SUBMISSION TO UN SECRETARIAT, I.E., (1) FRENCH UN ECONOMIC OBSERVATORY (L.35/REV 1); (2) JAPANESE ET AL UN FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PROPOSAL (L.41); (3) NEW ZEALAND/SRI LANKAN EMERGENCY MEASURES RE SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES (L.42); (4) US GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS TO STUDY NATURAL RESOURCES (L.44); (5) FRENCH INTERSESSIONAL TEMPORARY COMITE ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT (L.45). CHAIRMAN REQUESTED PRINCIPAL SPONSORS TO INTRODUCE THEIR DRAFT PROPOSAL AND LIMIT DISCUSSION TO THEIR PROPOSAL SPECIFICALLY, AFTER WHICH THE SENSE OF THE AD HOC COMITE WOULD BE PROBED RE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-ON ACTION.

3. FRENCH UN ECONOMIC MONITORING GROUP (L.35/REV1). FRENCH DEL INTRODUCED PROPOSAL AS RESPONSIVE TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S CALL FOR NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND FASHIONED TO MEET SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR INFORMATION NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN USABLE FORM BY UN AND ITS MEMBER GOVTS. SPECIFIC REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE LACK OF HARD DATA ON IRON ORE, MANGANESE, CHROME, BAUXITE, SULPHUR AND COAL, THOUGH PRICING AND OTHER MARKET DATA FOR WHOLE RANGE OF NATURAL RESOURCESVAGUE AND DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN FOR PURPOSES OF MARKET FORECASTING AND DRAWING INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO EXISTING OR POTENTIAL IMBALANCES. DEL REVIEWED SIX FUNCTIONS SET FORTH IN OP PARA 2. HE INDICATED REV.1 TOOK INTO ACCOUNT FOUR SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES, THEREBY, HE HOPED, MAKING THE PROPOSAL MORE ACCEPTABLE AND IN HARMONY WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SPECIAL SESSION. IN CONCLUSION FRENCH DEL CONFIRMED THAT THEY PREPARED TO ACCEPT ADVISORY COMITE ASSOCIATED WITH THE UN ECONOMIC MONITORING GROUP IF THIS WERE DESIRE OF MAJORITY .

4. JAPANESE REVOLVING FUND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DRAFT RES (L.41). JAPANESE DEL (AMB OGISO) EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT MALAYSIA HAD NOW JOINED JAPAN ALONG WITH BOLIVIA, FRANCE, INDONESIA, KENYA, PHILIPPINES AND ZAIRE SPONSORING THIS DRAFT RES WHICH WAS FULLY RESPONSIVE TO EARLIER RES 3167 (XVIII) ESTABLISHING REVOLVING FUND. OGISO UNDERSCORED, PER PREAMBULAR PARA 2, FACT THAT INCREASED NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD ACCELE- RATE DIRECTLY THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRIBUTE TO AMELIORATING ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS RESULTING FROM CURRENT INTERNA- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIONAL CRISIS. HE AGAIN REITERATED IN RESPECT TO OP PARA 1 THAT JAPAN WAS CONTRIBUTING $1.5 MILLION AS ITS FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO REVOLVING FUND AND CALLED UPON ALL OTHER COUNTRIES CAPABLE TO DO SO TO MAKE AN EARLY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION. IN RESPECT OP PARA 2, OGISO STRESSED THE SPECIAL ROLE OF WORLD BANK IN ESTABLISHING OPERATION OF REVOLVING FUND ON A FIRM AND TIMELY BASIS.

5. NEW ZEALAND/ SRI LANKAN EMERGENCY MEASURES RE SUPPLY OF

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FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDES (L.42). NEW ZEALAND DEL INTRODUCED
PROPOSAL AS SHORT-TERM NATURE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO TACKLE
CRITICAL PROBLEM OF SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZER IN MOST LDC'S AND
APART FROM LONG-TERM BLUE PRINT TO BE CONSIDERED BY WORLD FOOD CON-
FERENCE IN NOVEMBER AND OTHER APPROPRIATE UN BODIES. THOUGH
FERTILIZER RES COULD BE INCORPORATED WITHIN SPECIAL MEASURES
FOR MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED NEW ZEALAND FELT MANY LDC'S NOT
QUALIFIED AS MSA'S ARE SUFFERING FROM CRITICAL LACK OF
FERTILIZER. HE REFERRED TO RES AS A COMPROMISE TEXT WHOSE OP PARA 1
PROPOSES A POOLING ARRANGEMENT UNDER GENERAL FAO DIRECTION, WHICH
ACCORDING TO AN EMERGENCY PLAN OF OPERATIONS AS ONE OF A NUMBER OF
CONCERTED ACTIONS THAT WOULD INCREASE THE FLOW OF FERTILIZER
IMMEDIATELY TO LDC'S MOST IN NEED. NEW ZEALAND STRESSED THE
FACT THAT THE FAO EMERGENCY PLAN SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE
TO INCLUDE ALL BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EFFORTS ON THE FERTILIZER
FRONT AND TO ACCORD ALL FERTILIZER ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE SHORT-
TERM PLANS DRAWN UP. IN A PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH REVIEW OF RES,
DEL MADE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO IMPORTANT ROLE CONTEMPLATED FOR WFC
IN FOCUSSING ON MEDIUM-AND LONG-TERM ASPECTS OF FERTILIZER
PROBLEM AND SHEIK YAMANI'S EXPLICIT CONCERN THAT ESCAPING
NATURAL GASES BE CONVERTED INTO FERTILIZER AT THE EARLIEST
POSSIBLE TIME. POOLING ELEMENT OF NEW ZEALAND PROPOSAL RELEVANT
OVER NEXT TWO-THREE YEARS THOUGH NO TIME FRAME SET FORTH
EXPLICITLY IN RES. IN CLOSING NEW ZEALND PREPARED PLEDGE $5 MILLION
FOR INITIATION PERIOD SHOULD POOL BE ESTABLISHED BY SPECIAL SESSION
AND FAO.

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6. U.S. GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS TO STUDY NATURAL RESOURCES (L.44). US DEL (FERGUSON) INDICATED DRAFT RES WAS SELF-EXPLANATORY. (1) THRUST OF RES FOCUSSED ON FILLING IN LACUNAE IN EXISTING DATA BANK ON WORLDS NON-RENEWABLE AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND (2) RES SEEKS TO PERMIT UN TO CLARIFY FURTHER THAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT EARTH'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND (3) BY INVITING A GROUP OF 20 INTER-NATIONAL EMINENT PERSONS TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH RELEVANT UN ORGANS BEST MINDS AVAILABLE WOULD FOCUS ON COMPLEX NATURAL RESOUR-CES PROBLEMS. US STRESSED THAT DRAFT RES CONSOLIDATED VARIOUS PROPOSALS MADE IN UNGA PLENARY OVER PAST THREE WEEKS. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INITIATIVE IN THIS RESPECT WAS SET FORTH IN PARA 1 OF DRAFT RES WHILE PARA 2 INCORPORATED A NUMBER OF SIMILAR APPROACHES IN RESPECT TO LONG-TERM AND BASIC RESEARCH ON RESOURCES, ESPECI-ALLY ON THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY. US REFERRED TO CRITICAL NEED TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DISCOVER AND DEVELOP THEIR OWN RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES NOW KNOWN TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY. WHILE PARA 4 ACCENTUAGES THE INTRICATE INTERLINKING OF THE PRODUCTION, EXPORT, IMPORT, STOCK, PRICE AND ARTIFICIAL RESTRICTION ELEMENTS WITHIN A STUDY FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD CALL UPON EXISTING UN SPECIALIZED
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AGENCIES AND OTHER BODIES, PARTICULARLY UNCTAD, THE FINAL OP PARA 5 UNDERSCORES NEED TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND FUNDS THROUGH BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE CHANNELS WITH PARTICULAR ACCENT ON EXPLORATIONS IN LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND LOCKED COUNTRIES. US STRESSED ITS RES OFFERED AS EFFORT TO INCORPORATE VARIETY OF SIMILAR AND COMPATIBLE PROPOSALS AND RECOGNIZED NEED TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE TO USE EFFECTIVELY EXISTING UN ORGANIZATION. EVEN INTERNAL GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS WOULD BE SUPPORT BY FUNCTIONING UN UNITS INCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS' DIVISION OF RESOURCES AND TRANSPORT AS WELL AS OTHER RELEVANT UN BODIES.

7. FRENCH INTERSESSIONAL TEMPORARY COMITE ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT, (L.45). FRENCH DEL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MOST PROPOSALS AT SPECIAL SESSION FALL CLEARLY WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OR PROGRAM OF ACTION. NEVERTHELESS, THERE WAS NEED FOR ANSWERS TO PRACTICAL QUESTION OF "WHAT TOMORROW?" HE REAFFIRMED JOBERT'S CONCERN THAT RAW MATERIALS IN GENERAL REQUIRED AN IMPROVEMENT IN ORGANIZATION BETWEEN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND THAT GENERAL GUIDELINES TO AVOID DISORDER WERE ESSENTIAL. IN THIS SENSE FRENCH BELIEVED THERE WAS NEED TO RELATE BROAD RAW MATERIAL QUESTIONS TO A THOUGHTFUL

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INTEGRATED APPROACH. SECONDLY, FRENCH REITERATED PRESIDENT
BOUMEDIENE'S SUPPORT FOR DIALOGUE WITHIN UN SYSTEM AND, BY
IMPLICATION, KISSINGER CALL FOR WORLD COOPERATION AND COMING TO
TERMS WITH THE FACT OF OUR INTERDEPENDENCE. HE STRESSED THAT
ENERGY PRODUCTS REPRESENTED OVER $100 BILLION IN CURRENT TRADE AND
BY SUPPORTING HIS RES THE UN WOULD DEMONSTRATE ITS ABILITY TO
ACT WITHIN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONSULTATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.
ONLY SUCH A DIALOGUE CAN REDUCE THE SELFISH IMPULSE OF NATIONS
WHICH IF UNABATED WILL HIT LDC'S HARDEST. FRENCH DEL REVIEWED DRAFT
RES AND CONCLUDED BY NOTING TEXT ENTIRELY NEGOTIABLE AND SPIRIT OF
REALISM AND MODERATION SHOULD GOVERN ANY REFINEMENTS.

8. FOLLOWING BRIEF PRESENTATIONS THESE FIVE DRAFT RES, SAUDI
ARABIAN AMB (BAROODY) EXTEMPORANEOUSLY INTRODUCED SIXTH RES.
IN HALF HOUR HARANGUE, HE INDICATED FAILURE TO ACT ON HIS RES
WOULD NOT ONLY DOOM SPECIAL SESSION AS CONFERENCE OF FOOLS BUT
RESULT IN WFC REHASHING SAME GROUND SO TEDIOUSLY DEBATED THESE
PAST THREE WEEKS. IN BRIEF, SAUDI ARABIAN RES CALLS FOR THREE
MINISTERIAL GROUPS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF ENERGY, MINERAL
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RESOURCES OTHER THAN ENERGY AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

9. CHAIRMAN ARVESEN CONFIRMED THAT THERE WERE SIX RESES BEFORE
THE COMITE. TUNISIA SUGGESTED THAT ONLY DRAFT RESES L.35, L.41
AND L.42 WERE SUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC TO BE DEALT WITH AT THIS
TIME, WHILE DAHOMEY INTERVENED ALSO ON A POINT OF ORDER AND
PROPOSED THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THESE SIX RESES UNTIL THE
THREE BASIC DOCUMENTS RE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, PROGRAM OF
ACTION AND SPECIAL PROGRAM OF EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR MSA'S WERE
APPROVED BY SPECIAL SESSION, AT LEAST AD HOC COMMITTEE. UNDER
RULE 116 TWO MEMBERS (IRAN AND COLOMBIA) SPOKE IN FAVOR OF DAHOMEY
RES AND TWO MEMBERS (TUNISIA AND FRANCE) REQUESTED DEBATE TO
CONTINUE AFTER WHICH VOTE ON DAHOMEY MOTION CARRIED 56-16-38(US).
CHAIRMAN ARVESEN OF VIEW AD HOC COMITE MAY NOT BE IN POSITION TO
REVIEW THREE BASIC DOCUMENTS UNTIL WEDNESDAY A.M. THOUGH HE NOTED
HOVEYDA BEST JUDGE OF TIMING. ARVESEN DID CONJECTURE
THAT SPECIAL SESSION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE EXTENDED AT LEAST
THROUGH MAY 2 IF USEFUL OUTCOME WAS TO BE ACHIEVED.
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